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FOR US DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESCAP, IN

SUBJECT: ESCAP 31ST PLENARY: RVN DEL PROPOSED SPEECH

REFS: A. NEW DELHI 2703; B. NEW DELHI 2723.

1. PROPOSED RVN DEL SPEECH AS REPORTED REFTEL A DOES NOT POSE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FOR USG. HOWEVER SINCE RVN DEL CHIEF HAS SOLICITED YOUR COMMENTS YOU MIGHT MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IN LIGHT OF REPORT REFTEL B THAT PRG SUPPORTERS

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AT CONFERENCE WILL LIMIT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO STATEMENTS

FOR RECORD LAMENTING ABSENCE OF PRG, EFFECTIVENESS OF
RVN SPEECH WOULD PROBABLY BE ENHANCED IF POLITICAL

PASSAGES WERE TONED DOWN SOMEWHAT AND PRESENTED MORE
IN CONTEXT OF OBSTACLES FOR RVN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND NEED FOR SINCERE COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AMONG
SEA COUNTRIES, I.E. PLACING IT IN CONTEXT ESCAP SUBJECT
MATTER. THIS WOULD REDUCE CHANCES OF INITIATING

POLITICAL DEBATE OVER VIET-NAM ISSUES YET AT SAME TIME
PERMIT RVN TO MAKE VALID AND NECESSARY POINT THAT SINGLE

GREATEST OBSTACLE TO RVN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS
CONTINUING COMMUNIST MILITARY AND TERRORIST OPERATIONS
IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

B. SHOULD PRG SUPPORTERS, CONTRARY TO PRESENT
EXPECTATION, ATTACK RVN SHARPLY, WE BELIEVE RVN SHOULD BE
EQUALLY HARD HITTING IN RESPONSE.

C. IN ANY CASE, US DEL WILL SUPPORT RVN DEL ON
FLOOR. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE U.S. SUPPORT WILL BE MORE
EFFECTIVE IF RVN SPEECH IS GAUGED TO NATURE AND
INTENSITY OF CHALLENGE FROM OTHER SIDE.

2. FYI: WHILE WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH INDIAN HOSTS
AND ESCAP EXSEC THAT PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE ARE ILL-
SERVED BY INTRODUCTION OF CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES
WE NOT AWARE THAT INDIAN DELEGATION AT RECENT NON-
ALIGNED DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES ACTIVELY SOUGHT
TO DEFLECT INTRODUCTION AND RAPID ADOPTION OF 10
HIGHLY POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS, SOME VERY OFFENSIVE TO US.
WHILE US DELEGATION SHOULD COUNSEL RVN TO TAKE A
PRACTICAL APPROACH IN ITS REMARKS TO THE CONFERENCE
WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE TO ENGAGE IN
EDITING ITS SPEECHES OR TO TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY
VIS-A-VIS INDIANS FOR THIS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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